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Elders Pierson and Archbold look on while Mexican Union president Velino Salazar points to the figure 8,000 which represents the number of baptisms in his union so far this year.



Elders Rojas, Baer, Archbold, Ramirez and Benson support the Publishing Department's goal of 5,000 literature evangelists by 1975

WORLD PRESIDENT VISITS INTER-AMERICA—General Conference president Robert H. Pierson arrived in Miami on November 9 to attend the year-end meetings at Inter-American Division headquarters. Beginning with the Sabbath sermon, he presented a series of studies on Righteousness by Faith which inspired all in attendance to a deeper dedication of life and service to God's cause. Miami was the first stop on a trip which included visits to the hurricane-stricken areas in Honduras, and stop-overs in Belize, Medellín, Kingston, Guadeloupe, Martinique and Haiti. Elder Pierson's visit has brought great encouragement to the workers and believers in Inter-America.

DIVISION YEAR-END MEETINGS—The Inter-American Division reached a high point in its experience last month when delegates to its yearly meetings reported baptisms bringing the membership over the 400,000 mark. Union presidents announced that by the end of October, 37,784 new believers had been baptized and still others studying the message would bring the figure to over 50,000 by the end of the year. "Every nine years, on an average, we have doubled the membership in this division," said B.L. Archbold. "Inter-America must lead the church in swelling the loud cry to the world," he declared. He pointed to 217 new churches organized in the division to date this year. "In 1973," he said, "an average of one 121-member church was raised up every day." Topping the other unions in baptisms was the Mexican Union with 8,000 new members. Union president Velino Salazar stated his union expected the figure would reach 9,200 by the end of the year. In the keynote address General Conference president Robert H. Pierson urged a spiritual rededication "that will set this church on fire." Inter-America gives evidence that the fire has already been kindled.—*M. Carol Hetzell.*

ADVENTIST QUARTET ON TELEVISION—The Adventist male quartet, "Christ in Song" presented a half-hour program on television in Paramaribo, Surinam recently. Sacred songs were sung in English, Dutch and the Surinam tongue. The station has invited the quartet to return in the near future.—*L. E. Keizer.*

EIGHTY BAPTIZED IN PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL—During the course of an evangelistic effort conducted by Julio Martinez in Guatemala City, 80 persons were baptized in a public swimming pool by pastors Carlos Aeschlimann, W. H. Waller and Claudio Ingleton of the Central American Union. This was the second baptism held since the effort began, and later baptisms brought the total up to 140 for this campaign. In the photograph, pastor Martinez is examining the candidates prior to the baptismal ceremony.—*Alfredo Gaona.*



CHURCH DEDICATED—Sabbath October 5 was a great day in the history of the Netherlands Antilles Mission. The Montagne church was opened, organized and dedicated. Brother Elsie Isenia donated the money, time and labor which made it possible to build this church in the record time of five weeks. Elder Grep won the souls who are the charter members. From left to right in the photo: Elder Brinkman, mission president; Elder Grep, district pastor; Bro. Elsie Isenia, church elder, and Bro. Alexander Despuois translating.—*I. Leito.*



SAWS HELPS FLOOD VICTIMS—Hundreds of persons were left without food and shelter as a result of the floods in Jaquimeye, Dominican Republic. Once again SAWS was present to distribute food and medicine to the victims, thus relieving their most urgent needs. Dr. Hector Valencia, director of the Department of Health for the Central Dominican Conference, gave free medical care to more than 150 families. In the photograph, Elder Diogenes Suero, SAWS director for the Dominican Republic, organizes the distribution of food and medicine.—*Diogenes Suero.*

NUTRITION COURSE—An interesting nutrition course was conducted in Nogales, Sonora, Mexico by Mrs. Gloria L. Castrejon. The course was very beneficial to the church members and the visitors were most appreciative. Plans are being made to hold another one soon.—*R. Hernandez.*



Standing: Communication directors from the 7 unions. Seated: J.O. Iverson, T.R. Haylock, M. Carol Hetzell, June Taylor, C.R. Taylor.

COMMUNICATION COUNCIL—The Inter-American Division held its first communication council November 4-6 at the division office in Miami. Both union presidents and communication department directors participated under the leadership of division communication director Tulio Haylock with his associate Charles Taylor and associate director of the General Conference Communication Department, M. Carol Hetzell. A vigorous agenda dealt with all areas of the department, ranging from the duties of communication personnel to the coordination of Bible courses and how to serve more radio stations with Adventist taped programs. Milton Peverini, speaker for La Voz de la Esperanza, announced that shorter programs would soon be available. The day of the long religious broadcast, he stated is fading. An example of the reception the shorter programs receive is seen in Puerto Rico, where 15-minute Adventist programs now are aired over the network. Adon Taft, editor of the *Miami Herald's* religious page, addressed the council on what makes a news story, and Ray Doyle of the Greater Miami Academy presented the fine points of good photography. Kenneth Wood, editor of the *Review and Herald*, provided delegates with suggestions for writing for the general church paper. June Taylor gave pointers on division publications.

INTERNATIONAL REVIEW TO REPLACE MESSENGER
Review and Herald editor Kenneth H. Wood flew to Inter-American Division headquarters in Miami on November 5 to complete arrangements for a special Inter-American edition of the monthly international *Review* to replace the quarterly *Inter-American Messenger*, which will stop publication with the first quarter of 1975. Satisfaction with the format and content of the Spanish *Review* has been so great that it was decided the English-speaking unions would benefit from a similar arrangement. This will enable them to receive just as much news from Inter-America, in the four-page insert, plus 20 additional pages of spiritual inspiration, in fresh monthly magazines. This will increase the circulation of the world *Review* to 20,000 in the Caribbean and West Indies Unions.—*Charles R. Taylor.*